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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 3, 5, 7, 10, and 12 to be in the form as follows. A marked up copy of the claims is included in an appendix following this amendment for the Examiners convenience.

3. (Amended) An optical information medium (20) as claimed in Claim 1,
characterized in that
D(1.60) = 100 µm.

5. (Amended) An optical information medium (20) as claimed in Claim 1,

characterized in that

D(1.60) = 300 µm.

7. (Amended) An optical information medium (20) as claimed in claim 1,

characterized in that

$$d_k = D(n_k)\left[1-\sum_{i=1}^{k-1}\frac{d_i}{D(n_i)}\right]\pm 0.001D(n_k)$$ µm.

10. (Amended) A method of manufacturing an optical information medium (20) as claimed in Claim 8,

characterized in that

D(1.60) = 100 µm.

12. (Amended) A method of manufacturing an optical information medium (20) as claimed in Claim 8,

characterized in that

D(1.60) = 300 µm.

REMARKS

The foregoing Preliminary Amendment to the claims was made solely to avoid filing the claims in the multiple dependant form so as to avoid the additional filing fee.

The claims were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicant respectfully reserves all rights he may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicant furthermore reserves his right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX A

3. (Amended) An optical information medium (20) as claimed in ~~Claim 1 or 2~~,

characterized in that

D(1.60) = 100 µm.

5. (Amended) An optical information medium (20) as claimed in Claim 1 ~~or 2~~,

characterized in that

D(1.60) = 300 µm.

7. (Amended) An optical information medium (20) as claimed in ~~any of Claims 1 – 6~~ claim 1,

characterized in that

$$d_k = D(n_k)\left[1 - \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \frac{d_i}{D(n_i)}\right] \pm 0.001 D(n_k) \quad \mu m.$$

10. (Amended) A method of manufacturing an optical information medium (20) as claimed in Claim 8 ~~or 9~~,

characterized in that

D(1.60) = 100 µm.

12. (Amended) A method of manufacturing an optical information medium (20) as claimed in Claim 8 ~~or 9~~,

characterized in that

$$D(1.60) = 300\ \mu m.$$